

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 9, Animals, of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, is amended as follows:

ARTICLE I.

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SECTION 9-1

Keeping certain livestock prohibited; exception.

A. It shall be unlawful to keep or stable any bull, cow, calf, heifer, sheep, goat or swine within the limits of the Borough of Merchantville.

B. An exception to the prohibition against swine shall be that keeping of a domesticated pig of a certain breed of swine known as a "Micro Mini Pig" on premises located within any of the Zoning Districts of the Borough of Merchantville, upon the following requirements:

1. Said pig shall be a certified domesticated animal suitable to be kept as a pet, and shall be of a weight of one hundred (100 lbs.) or less; and
2. Said pig must be spayed or neutered and evidence of same shall be presented to the Borough; and
3. The pig shall be subject to the same licensing and immunization requirements as that of a dog; and

4. The keeping of a pet pig shall be limited to one (1) animal per residence; and
5. The pig at all times must be housed within the principal residence of the owner's property, and when outdoors, must be on a leash and not left unattended.

ARTICLE II. ARTICLE I. SECTION 9-2 Violations; penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the Borough of Merchantville, or such other court having jurisdiction, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,250.00, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or community service for a term not exceeding 90 days, or all of the above. Each day that a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation, subject to the penalty provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLE II. SECTION 9-7 Violations; penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the Borough of Merchantville, or such other court having jurisdiction, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,250.00, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or community service for a term not exceeding 90 days, or all of the above. Each day that a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation, subject to the penalty provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE IV. ARTICLE III. SECTION 9-9 Violations; penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the Borough of Merchantville, or such other court having jurisdiction, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,250.00, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or community service for a term not exceeding 90 days, or all of the above. Each day that a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation, subject to the penalty provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE V.

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE VI.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

BY: _____
FRANK M. NORTH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

**_____
DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK**

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mayor and Council at the regular meeting held on December 9, 2013. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on January 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to permit certain animals to be maintained as pets within the Borough of Merchantville. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (Legal Holidays excluded), at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Merchantville Borough Hall, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.